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CHRIS CORE: Well, Trumbull and Core invaded the CIA today.

BILL TRUMBULL: Yes, we did.

CORE: Well, actually it was a little less dramatic than that. We were asked to come to the CIA. Chuck Wilson asked us if we would come and speak to the employees about the Combined Federal Campaign. And it's a good cause. But what got us to come was the promise of a tour of CIA Headquarters, rarely granted to radio announcers, or anybody else, for that matter. Chuck told us to be there by 10:00 A.M. and to, quote, not bring any cameras, recording devices, or weapons.

Nuts, I had to leave the Magnum at home.

TRUMBULL: Me too.

CORE: To say that the CIA is secure is to say that Shelley Winters has put on a little weight. I had to show identification at the gate, even though our name was on the big list. We were escorted to a parking spot and given special badges to wear. This permitted us to walk inside but not outside the main building. Any question that we asked about the CIA was met with a knowing smile and change of subject.

Bill and I were then really honored by taking to the office of the Director of the CIA, William Casey, to meet The Man.

TRUMBULL: Yes, we were.



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CORE: Very nice guy. But I have to tell you, I think your joke about Jackie, Bill and the KGB was both out of place and in bad taste.

TRUMBULL: I tried, you know?

CORE: Plus, Mr. Casey didn't get it.

TRUMBULL: No.

CORE: Then we got to speak to the crowd of about 500 people who showed up, obviously because they were told that it was attend this rally or go to Afghanistan. Some folks right now are in Kabul. The rest caught our little...

TRUMBULL: Caught the rally.

CORE: Right.

Now, to me, the highlight of our appearance was when we called on some of the members of the audience to come up on stage with us, and one of them was Major Trueable A. Core.

TRUMBULL: Yes.

CORE: I mean we finally...

TRUMBULL: Ms.

CORE: As it turns out, Ms. We finally found Trueable, who's a very attractive spy at the CIA.

TRUMBULL: Yes, very attractive.

CORE: Well, it only figures. She didn't want to get her mail sent directly to her, and that's why we've been getting it.

TRUMBULL: For a couple of years now.

CORE: Yeah, as it turns out.

Seriously, after our speech we were given a tour of the CIA. And it's interesting that on one wall of the entrance there is a tribute to those who died in the line of duty, but the names of many are represented only by a star because their identities are still a secret.

The CIA Headquarters is a very impressive building. And once again, whenever we wandered someplace past where our visitors' badges would not permit us to go, somebody very politely would come up and escort us back to our place.

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TRUMBULL: Well, let me ask you this question: Where did our visitors' passes allow us to go?

CORE: Well, they knew. And whenever we didn't go somewhere...

TRUMBULL: 'Cause we didn't know.

CORE: No, we didn't. But they knew.

TRUMBULL: Well, Chuck took us around.

CORE: There were people watching. And at one point he went out of this way, and they said, "You have to go through there, sir."

They are not kidding at CIA.

TRUMBULL: No, no.

CORE: Which is a darn good thing for all of us, because they certainly have an important job to do. And oftentimes, because of security reasons, they're never recognized for the bravery and the patriotism they exhibit.

TRUMBULL: Very true.

CORE: So here is a Trumbull and Core salute to all of you fine folks at the CIA. Thank you for having us as your guests today. And thanks for doing your part for all 220 million of us. And as it says in the CIA official creed, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

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